

## **General Services Customer Council Meeting**

August 10, 2007

### **Members Present**

Charlie Smithson, Ethics & Campaign Disclosure (via phone); John Baldwin, DOC (via phone); Jennifer St. John, DNR (via phone); Lisa Michelson, DOM; Greg Anliker, Elder Affairs; Peggy Sullivan, Judicial; Cindy Morton, Revenue; John Connors, Member of Public.

### **Members Absent**

Dave Heuton, DPS; Mary Jane Olney, Cultural Affairs; Mark Brandsgard, Legislature; Bob Straker, AFSCME. Marcia Spangler, IDPH (Excused)

### **Others Present**

Paul Carlson, COO, DAS/GSE; Dale Schroeder, DAS/GSE, Tim Ryburn, DAS/GSE; Tara Hattery, DAS/GSE; Mark Blazek, DAS/GSE; Laura Riordan, DAS; Pat Mullenbach, DAS; Mark Willemssen, Legislature, Mark Blazek, DAS/GSE; Patricia Lantz, DAS; Keith Hyland, Vocational Rehab.

### **Call to Order**

Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Charlie Smithson at 9:00 a.m (via phone).

### **Roll Call**

Member roll call taken by Tara Hattery.

### **DAS/GSE FY09 Proposed Budget/Rates – Action Item**

COO Carlson advised there had been no comments regarding the rates except a requested clarification. An agency asked for clarification regarding why its annual cost increased. The cost increased because the agency rented more space.

Greg Anliker moved to approve the final rate for DAS/GSE FY09 Budget/Rate as presented. Cindy Morton seconded the motion. Chairman Smithson stated the motion passes and we now have a final FY09 DAS/GSE rate.

### **Union representation on GSE Customer Council – Waiver Request – Action Item**

Patricia Lantz stated DAS is asking all of the Councils to submit waivers to waive that part of the Administrative Rules which requires election union members by August first.

Current Administrative Rules state union members are to be nominated by Department Directors. Concern has been expressed regarding the rule since union members are nominated by agency directors (not union leadership) and union membership on councils is not noted in the Code. DAS has recommended a means of ensuring union involvement at Council meetings by having union members participate as non-voting council members. Accordingly, the rule regarding union membership (by August 1) on the councils would be waived.

### **Background**

Laura Riordan stated the Iowa Code requires representatives from agencies, that there were to be representatives from Judicial and Legislative branch and it refers to the public member. However, there is no mention of union representative on the Councils. DAS recommends clarifying the Iowa Code to permit union membership on councils. When the Administrative Rules were created it did allow for Union membership. This is the first year we have had terms expiring, so this is the first time we have gone back and looked at the rules to try to clarify union membership. Laura advised when the Councils were established we didn't have the Administrative Rules in place. At that time, the union suggested members to sit on the Council. So, there is precedent that unions submit the names for the union representatives. The Administrative Rules state that department directors should nominate so this is where we had the discord and we decided we needed to get this straightened out and then get back on track.

Chairman Smithson stated the Administrative Rules were not supported by Statute that it went beyond the four corners of the Statute and needs to be cleaned up.

John Connors stated if the union was going to be represented they should make the choice of the persons who would be on the Council. Chairman Smithson stated he thought everyone was in agreement with that, we just have to get the proper process in place and we don't have that today.

Laura Riordan advised the union has been notified and the current union members have been notified and advised what is going on and stated she thought everyone was comfortable with that. Bob Straker is the union representative on this Council; his term expires August 31, 2007.

Charlie Smithson stated he believed DAS has handled this very well and in the legal way, this is the right way to handle it.

Patricia Lantz advised right now we need to get the Iowa Code changed to allow the union members on the Councils and then we can write rules to implement that.

Patricia Lantz advised the three union members on the four Customer Councils have agreed to continue to participate but only as non-voting members.

Cindy Morton moved to petition for a waiver of the rule requiring that the Department of Administrative Services elect a union representative by August 1, 2007 (Chairman Smithson to prepare and file the waiver document) and furthermore that the Council wishes to see the Code changed to allow for union membership and the union should nominate their members. Greg Anliker seconded the motion. Motion passed,

#### **Results of the Election**

Dave Heuton – re-elected from the large agency group

Keith Hyland – new member from the medium size group (replacing Mary Jane Olney)

Greg Anliker – re-elected from the small agency group

#### **Close and Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned

Next Meeting: To be announced

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Williams, DAS/GSE